differently on the ground of financial difficulties of the respective units.

(c) to (e) There are certain guide-lines for grant of instalment facilities which can be availed by the establishments. No penal action is taken against the establishments if the Provident fund dues are realised under the normal recovery procedures.

Revision of wages for Newspaper Employees

770. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a fresh memorandum from the All India Newspaper Employees Federation rejecting the contentions of the Indian Newspaper Society and reiterating its demand for early wage revision in the newspaper industry; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take on the memorandum in view of the fact that the Bhachawat Wage Board was set up about 8 years ago?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter regarding setting up of a new Wage Board for Newspaper and News-Agency employees is under consideration of the Government.

Consumer price index for Industrial Workers

771. SHRI IQBAL SINGH:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the consumer price index for industrial workers during last nine months *i.e.* (April to December, 1992);

(b) in what manner does it compare with that of the same period during 1991-92; and

(c) what has been the rate of inflation in terms of Consumer Price Index during April—December, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The Consumer Price Index Number for Industrial Workers (BASE 1982=100) in the period April—December during 1991 and 1992, alongwith the percentage rate of inflation on point to point basis, is as given below:

Months	1991	1992	Percentage rate of Inflation
April	202	231	14.36
May	204	234	14.71
June	209	236	12.92
July	214	242	13.08
August	217	242	11.52
September	221	243	9.95
October	223	244	9.42
November	225	244	8.44
December	225	243	8.00